

IN THE CLAIMS

In the claims:

1. (currently amended) In a detonating cord reel having a drum wrapped with detonating cord, and end flanges, axially spaced on the drum for containing many layers of cord wrapped on the drum, improvement to such cord comprising:
 - incremental numerical markings on the cord at predetermined locations along the cord,
 - said numerical markings providing an accurate visual indication of the number of cord increments remaining on the drum,
 - whereby ~~the~~ a user of cord so marked, and so arranged on the drum, will know in advance of deploying each segments of detonating cord to be used on each particular job/ use of the cord, whether the remaining cord wrapped on the drum will satisfy the job/ use requirement.
2. (Original) A method of deploying a desired segment of detonating cord from a reel of detonating cord, and comprising:
 - providing numerical markings at equally spaced increments on the detonating cord,
 - wrapping the cord around the reel drum such that at least the highest number is readily visible adjacent the free end of the cord, and
 - inspecting that visible numerical marking at ascertain whether sufficient cord is available on that reel to complete an anticipated deployment.